



# Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone. I trust that you had a wonderful break with your children. I have heard so many stories of great adventures in the holidays. One that was common was the "Jurassic World" exhibition at the Melbourne Museum. This sounds like a good one to visit.

I read a great quote during the holidays. "Cooperation is more likely to be won if you have a good, strong relationship with your kids". I'm sure that the parents of teenagers will agree that a strong relationship gives them better leverage. Developing a relationship with your kids before they hit 13 is like money in the bank: you've got lots of good will to draw on when those wonderful teenage years hit.

This is an extremely busy term and in order to be kept informed I ask that parents look at the events calendar and also sign up to tiqbiz.

## VLine

I received a letter during the holidays from VLine stating that there have been children playing at railway crossings in the area. While there is no mention that these are GPS students, it is worth asking parents to have the safety around railway lines discussion. These trains travel at up to 160 km/h in either direction.

## Athletics Day

This year many of you would have noticed the early start. This is to allow us to get through the day's events by 2:30pm. I apologise for the inconvenience caused by the early start, but also look forward to seeing our Green and Gold in action. A reminder that athletics day is a compulsory event for our students.

## Foyer / Gallery

We are in the process of hanging our new display in our front foyer. High Tech Printing have printed up reproductions of the original drawings of our school. They look fantastic.

## Anzac Day

Gordon Primary School will once again be participating in the Ballan ceremony and parade. Our school captains will lay a wreath on behalf of the school, however, if you and your child are interested in participating please let Mr Micallef know.

## Before and After School Care

I have been so impressed with Club 1878 and the fantastic program they offer to our community. If you are interested in using this service please pick up an enrolment form from the front office.

## IGA

I have to thank Ballan IGA for supporting our SAKG program this year. Without their support we would not be able to run this program for our students.

## Happy Birthday

We would like to wish Cooper Jones, Ethan Hounsell-Bachelor, Gus Battiston, Kaiden Grimes, Dallas Hill and Jessica James a very Happy Birthday and also to any members of our community who are also celebrating their special day.

## Have a great weekend,

*Russel Cowan*

*Principal*

## From the Office

I am looking at placing an order for school uniforms in the next week. If you would like to stock up on winter uniform items please place your orders prior to the 26th April so that I can be sure that they arrive before the icy weather hits.

I have a range of ANZAC badges for sale in the front office. They range in price from \$1 - \$10 with all proceeds going to the ANZAC appeal. Please come and see me if you would like to purchase a badge.

Also, if any students have used coloured pencils at home that they would like to donate to our art program please bring them in to the office or give them to Mrs Messy on Tuesday.

Thankyou!

*Shana Brooks*

*Business Manager*



# Captain's Corner

*Hello everyone,*

*I hope that you all had a great holiday. I enjoyed the break and had a quiet time.*

*This term I am excited to continue to write the captains corner. This new idea seems to be working well and is a great way to keep students talking with their families.*

*To begin term 2, I wanted to let the school community know what the 5/6 class is doing.*

*Our term looks to be a busy one and this is fantastic for our learning.*

*We have been focussing on mental and written strategies for working on multiplication and division mathematical questions.*

*In our writing we are looking at persuasive texts and the structure of forming a piece. The intention for our integration studies is to explore the history of transport. This will be great as we get to visit the steam trains and understand how times have changed.*

*I am excited to be learning and sharing with you all. Next week I will be telling you about the work that is being achieved in Grade 4/5.*

*See you next week,*

*Tilly*

## Students of the Week (Last Assembly of Term 1)

Grade Prep Foundation– Stellan Porter and Charlee Johnson

Grade One– Kai Bellin and Tyler Wood

Grade Two– James Kriegsmann and Annabelle McDaid

# April 2016

**Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat      Sun**

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Assembly	19	20	21 School Council Meeting	22	23	24
25 ANZAC Day	26	27 Maldon Train Excursion	28 P & C Cuppa & Chat	29 Athletics Carnival	30	

# May 2016

**Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat      Sun**

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2 Assembly	3	4 Open Day P&C Meeting	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 SSV Cross Country	14	15
16 Assembly	17	18	19 P & C Cuppa & Chat	20 School Photo Day	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Assembly	31					

*All dates were correct at the time of going to print however they may be subject to change.*

# Community Events

## Gordon Auskick 2016

Please register and pay at <http://www.aflauskick.com.au/register/>  
Sessions commence Friday April 15th,  
5.00pm till 6.00 pm @ Gordon  
Recreation Reserve

## Ballan Auskick 2016

Please register and pay at <http://www.aflauskick.com.au/register/>  
Packs will be delivered, via post.  
Sessions commence Sunday May 1st,  
10.00 till 11.00 am @ Ballan Recreation  
Reserve, Cowie St Ballan

## Gordon Net Set Go 2016

Location: Gordon Recreation Reserve  
When: Friday 5.00pm—6.00pm

Cost: \$54.00  
Phone: 0418 689 710



## Bungaree Community Centre

Enjoy a day filled with fun, prizes, stalls and not to forget  
Our famous spinning wheel and much more

\$35 per adult including a 2 course lunch  
\$5 per child— lunch, icy pole and  
Child minding services

Bookings essential by phone, text or email  
Leah-0411 859 544 or Sarah-0419 532 915  
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CASH ONLY EVENT

If unable to attend silent seats  
Will Be Available for purchase  
@ \$25 per seat



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